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SUMMARY: LITTLE EDITORIAL COMMENT AUGUST 11 AS SECRETARY VANCE
WINDS UP ISRAEL TALKS. NEWS REPORTING PLAYS UP HIS STATEMENT ON ARAB
FLEXIBILITY AND SPECULATION ON POSSIBLE U.S.-P.O. CONTACTS.
END SUMMARY.

1. BOTH PRO-GOVERNMENT FRENCH LANGUAGE DAILIES AUGUST 11 HEADLINE
SECRETARY VANCE'S DECLARATION THAT THE ARABS HAVE SHOWN THEMSELVES MORE

FLEXIBLE IN THE COURSE OF NEGOTIATION THAN THE ISRAELIS, AND THE
LACK OF PROGRESS IN JERUSALEM TALKS. SAMUEL KATZ'S USE OF PHRASE
"PROXIMITY TALKS" TO CHARACTERIZE UPCOMING NEW YORK DISCUSSIONS
GIVEN SOME SPACE, AS IS ADJOURNMENT OF PLO COUNCIL MEETING. MORNING'S
"LE MATIN" FRONT-PAGES "AL AHRAM" AND RADIO CAIRO COMMENTS ON
EGYPTIAN EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE AN ACCEPTABLE FORMULA UNDER WHICH
PALESTINIANS COULD ACCEPT RESOLUTION 242 AND EVENTUAL DIRECT U.S.-
P.L.O. CONTACTS. THIRD ALAOUI EDITORIAL (REPORTED AUGUST 20 ALSO
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GOVERNMENT "AL MITHAQ AL WATANI" ENTITLED "WE ARE WITH YOU IN THE
FIGHT FOR PEACE," AND CALLS ON MOROCCANS TO SUPPORT THE PLO
AND THE FRONT-LINE STATES "AS WE DID IN OCTOBER (1973)."

2. OPPOSITION PRESS FILLS FRONT PAGES WITH REPORTS ON
VANCE, PLAYING UP DIVERGENCES BETWEEN AMERICAN AND ISRAELI VIEW-
POINTS. ISTIQLAL'S "L'OPINION QUOTES AT LENGTH FROM HASSANEIN

HEYKAL ARTICLE APPEARING IN BEIRUT "AL ANWAR" WARNING ARABS AGAINST THE "THREE ILLUSIONS," WHICH ARE: THAT ANOTHER ARAB-ISRAELI WAR WILL DRAG IN THE SUPER-POWERS; THAT THE U.S. WILL PRESSURE ISRAEL INTO CONCESSIONS; AND THAT THE THREAT OF ANOTHER OIL EMBARGO IS AN INVINCIBLE WEAPON. COMMUNIST "AL BAYANE" REPRINTS EDITORIAL FROM WAFA (PALESTINIAN) PRESS AGENCY DEMANDING REVISION OF RESOLUTION 242 "SO AS TO GUARANTEE THE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS IN CONFORMITY WITH RESOLUTION 3236." "AL BAYANE" ALSO CARRIES HIGHLY IDEOLOGICAL ARTICLE SIGNED SIMPLY "DRISS" AND ENTITLED "THE ARAB - SCAPE-GOAT FOR THE CAPITALIST ECONOMIC CRISIS," WHICH SEEKS TO PROVE THAT INCREASED OIL PRICES ARE THE RESULT, NOT THE CAUSE, OF THE WEST'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, AND THAT ARAB STATES ARE LOSING MORE FROM INFLATION AND INCREASED TECHNOLOGY COSTS THAN THEY ARE GAINING FROM OIL SALES. ANDERSON

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